

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Charles V. Burton  
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Title: **INTEGRAL FLEXIBLE SPINE STABILIZATION DEVICE AND METHOD**  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: pages 2 - 4

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: pages 5 - 10

Attachments: None